

**The Hope for America:
The Path of Hope, Step Number One**

2 Chronicles 29-30

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We have looked at the issues in America rather graphically. We have explored some principles and promises we find in the Old Testament and examined how they relate to Christ-followers in the United States today. We have acknowledged that only the Lord God Almighty can deliver us from the division, debt, desensitization and destroyers that our nation faces. Today I want us to look at the way God delivers His people.

There are several steps in this process. Step number one: We Must Pray!

Consecrating prayer – "to declare sacred, to dedicate to God."

- Confession and repentance – 2 Chronicles 29:20-24
 - We Must Address Personal Sin – vs. 23

 - We Must Address Corporate Sin – vs. 24

- Praise and worship – 2 Chronicles 29:25-36
 - We Need to Praise God for His grace and mercy – vs. 28-30

 - We Need to Praise God for His greatness and power – vs. 35-36

Corporate prayer

- Inviting all who want to join us – 2 Chronicles 30:1-13
 - Some will laugh, mock and stay the same, vs. 10.
 - Some will leave where they are, join in prayer and experience renewal, vs. 11.

- Involving intense and extended intercession – 2 Chronicles 30:14-24

Consistent Prayer – 2 Chronicles 30:23-24

- Make a Personal Prayer Commitment – I will spend specific time one day each week praying for revival.

- Make a Family Prayer Commitment – We will spend specific time one time each week praying for revival.

- Make a Church Prayer Commitment – I will make church times of prayer for revival a priority.

Look at 2 Chronicles 30:25-27 – Will we pray until God answers?